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Dear Colonel Hall and Colonel Sexton:

On behalf of Region 7 of the Environmental Protection Agency, I appreciate the United States Army Corps of Engineers' thoughtful, prompt consideration of this agency's request for the Corps' expert assistance in discharging EPA duties at the West Lake Landfill NPL site in St. Louis County.

Preliminary discussions among our staffs concerning specific activities the Corps may be tasked to do at the site have advanced smoothly to date. I have directed my Region 7 Superfund, Counsel, and Environmental Services senior leaders to render promptly all information the Corps needs to proceed to the Interagency Agreement phase of what I intend to be a joint effort. The EPA Office of Research and Development, which has been a key Region 7 technical adviser, will assist in this phase of the project.

This agency appreciates the community's need to be both informed and assured that their well-being remains central to our joint work. Work underway by the St. Louis District, with EPA's assistance, on FUSRAP sites establishes the Corps' reputation for top-flight engineering, construction management, and environmental remediation.

As we near preparation of an IAG between the EPA and Corps, I want to outline how Region 7 conceives the four primary objectives guiding this agency's request for COE expertise:

1. Construction Oversight of the isolation barrier this agency and the State of Missouri have ordered the Potentially Responsible Parties to complete securely separating the SSE located in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake NPL site from the Operable Units established by the EPA to facilitate long-term remediation of radiologically-contaminated material.
2. Technical Assistance to this agency in exercising its CERCLA oversight duties of PRP submissions connected to the isolation barrier and long-term environmental remediation obligations.

3. Design Review of work plans and related PRP submissions to assure the work required of the PRPs secures this agency's obligation to keep protecting the community from risks posed by the RIM at the West Lake NPL site.
4. Community Relations to assist this agency in keeping the community and their elected officials informed about the status of work and the conditions at the West Lake NPL.

To assist in discussions aimed at developing a Statement of Work that will become incorporated into the IAG and to devise prompt means of providing sufficient funding authority for Corps work, I have identified the following as Region 7's point of contact on the matter:

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Sincerely,